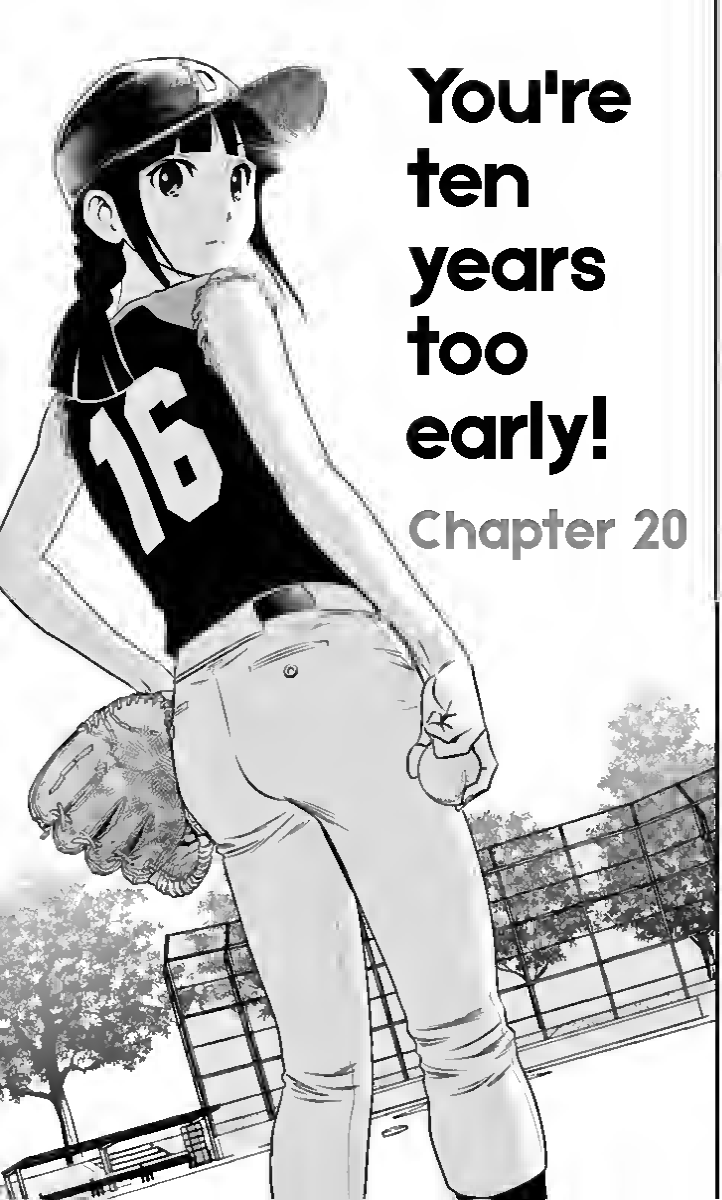

You're ten years too early!

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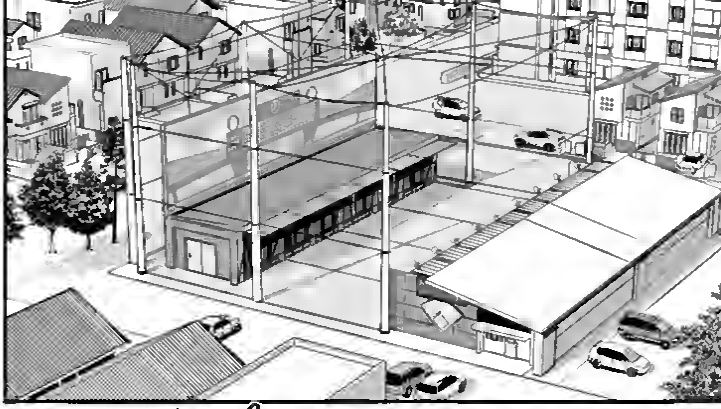

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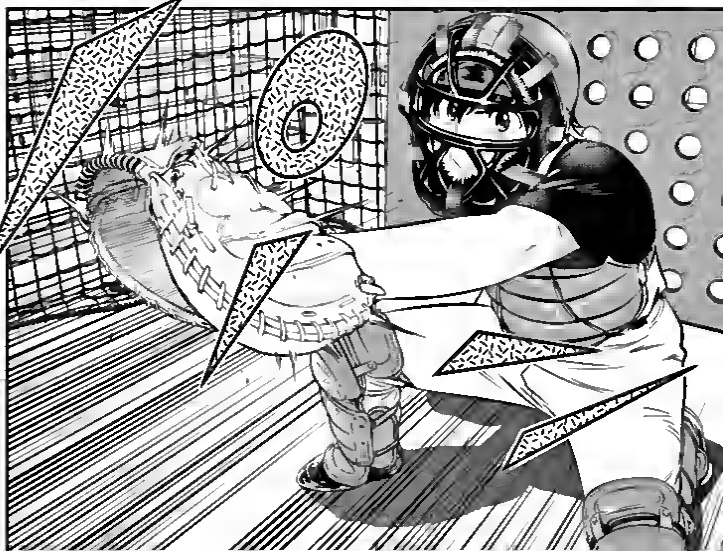

YEAH.
YOU'VE IMPROVED A LOT.
YOU AREN'T AFRAID OF A 130 KM BALL ANYMORE, RIGHT?
OKAY! NICE FRAMING.
OKAY, SINCE YOU NEED TO GET USED TO FASTBALLS, DO YOU WANT TO TRY 150 KM NEXT?
SO STUPID THINGS LIKE MY MASK ARE JUST EXTRA TO ME NOW.
TO THINK THAT I WAS SCARED OF 120 KM A WHILE AGO...
IT'S ABOUT TIME TO TRAIN YOUR OTHER PARTS TOO.
IS YOUR PLACE OKAY, DAIGO-KUN?
AH, YEAH, OF COURSE.
IT'S UNNECESSARY TO KNOW THAT IN LITTLE LEAGUE
IT'S ENOUGH TO DO TRAINING HERE.
EH?
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HAHA!
I'M KIDDING!
PHEW

UH... UNCLE...
WHAT IS IT?

AFTER READING HIKARU'S LETTER, OF COURSE, I WANT TO BE A CATCHER ONE DAY.
BUT... I'M ONLY PLAYING AS RIGHT FIELD CURRENTLY.

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I'M BAD AT THROWING THEM BACK.
EH? OH, I SEE
I'M OKAY WITH CATCHING FLY BALLS BUT...

YEAH. THE PROBLEM IS AN ISSUE FOR CATCHERS TOO.
THRO-WING?

EVEN THOUGH I'M THE SON OF SHIGENO GORO...
I HAVE A WEAK SHOULDER. MY LONGEST THROW DOESN'T EVEN REACH 50 METERS...

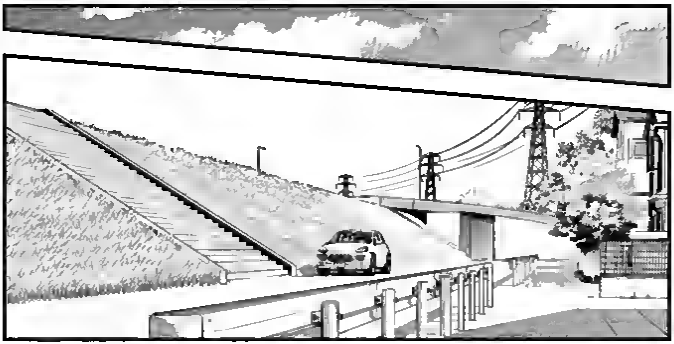
I'M REALLY SORRY FOR TELLING YOU THIS RIGHT NOW...
HAHA, IT'S A JOKE, RIGHT?
BUT I DON'T EVEN HAVE A BIT OF TALENT.

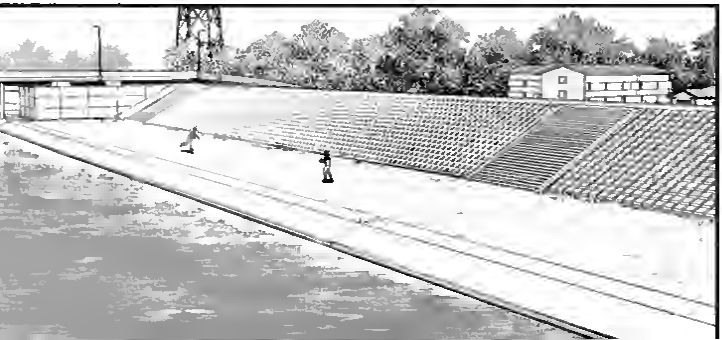
Y-YES.
IF YOU'RE PLAYING RIGHT FIELD, IT'S BETTER TO PRACTICE RETURN TOSSES FOR THE TIME BEING.
IS THAT SO? WELL, I CAN'T TELL IF I DON'T SEE IT MYSELF BUT...

BUT DAIGO-KUN.

LET ME GIVE YOU THIS WARNING.
FROM NOW ON, NEVER EVER SAY THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TALENT.
IT'S TEN YEARS TOO EARLY FOR YOU TO SAY SUCH THINGS.

YES.





IT'S NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT'S TOO SMALL THERE.
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OH.
WEREN'T WE GONNA TRAIN AT MY PLACE?
EH?
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WELL THEN, IT'S ABOUT TIME TO SHOW ME YOUR SHOULDER
I WONDER IF IT'LL REACH HIM..
IT'S OKAY, JUST THINK YOU'RE THROWING THE BALL FROM RIGHT TO BACK HOME.
THE DISTANCE IS ABOUT 50 METERS NOW.
O-OKAY.

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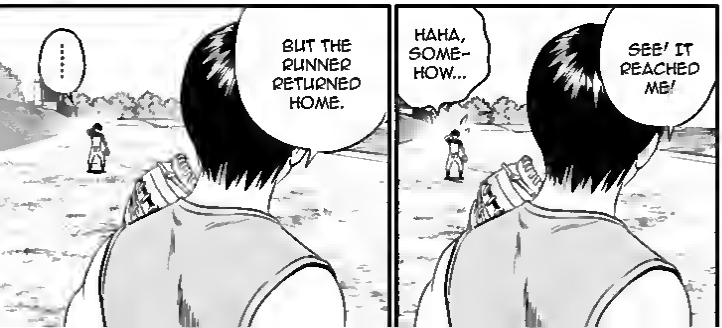
SEE! IT REACHED ME!
HAHA, SOME-HOW...
BUT THE RUNNER RETURNED HOME.
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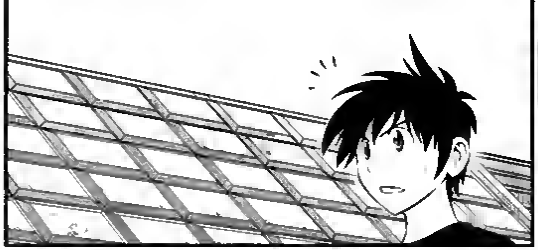

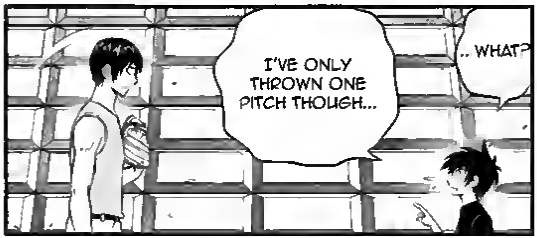
I'VE ONLY THROWN ONE PITCH THOUGH...
.. WHAT?

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO THROW INSIDE OF DIAMOND'S 32 METERS.
ALSO, THIS DISTANCE WASN'T GOOD NOR WAS NECESSARY FOR A YOUNG BOY'S SHOULDER.
IT WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH

WELL, THIS IS...
Y-YEAH...
DAIGO-KUN... DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE BOTHERED ABOUT HAVING A WEAK SHOULDER ALL THIS TIME?

EH?

HAHA! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS. IT'S NOT EVEN A DISADVANTAGE
ANYONE CAN OVERCOME THE THROWING WITH SCHEMING AND PRACTICE ANYWAY.
YOU DON'T NEED A STRONG ARM TO DO IT.
OF COURSE THERE ARE MONSTERS LIKE YOUR DAD TOO, BUT THEY ARE ONLY FEW LIKE HIM.
AS FOR ME, I DIDN'T HAVE A STRONG THROWING ARM AS A CHILD,
AND IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SHOULDERS ONLY, THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE MUCH BETTER THAN ME AFTER BECOMING A PRO.
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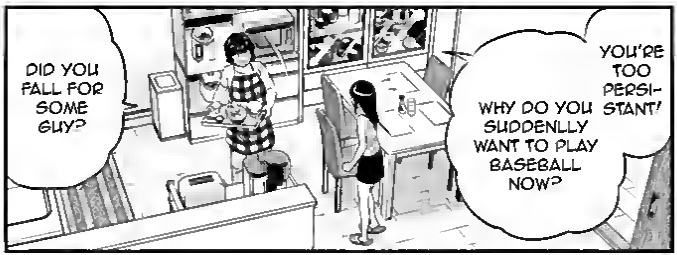
R-REALLY?
OF COURSE! JUST REMEMBER IT ISN'T THAT EASY TO BE ABLE TO SHOOT A LASER BEAM IN ONE MONTH!
FROM NOW ON, EVERYTHING WILL DEPEND ON YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND YOUR TRAINING.

Y-YES! I'LL DO IT!
I'LL DO MY BEST, PLEASE TEACH ME.

MOM, PLEASE LET ME...
I PROMISE I'LL STUDY PROPERLY FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAM!


DID YOU FALL FOR SOME GUY?
WHY DO YOU SUDDENLLY WANT TO PLAY BASEBALL NOW?
YOU'RE TOO PERSI-STANT!

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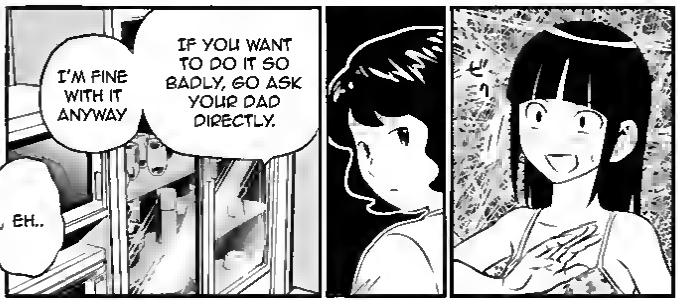
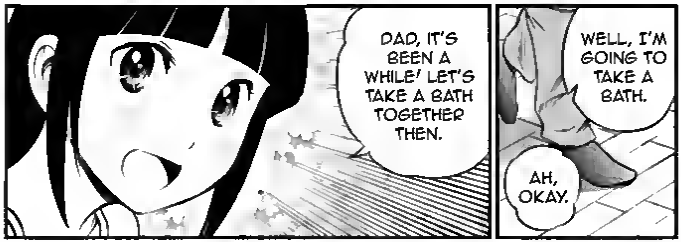
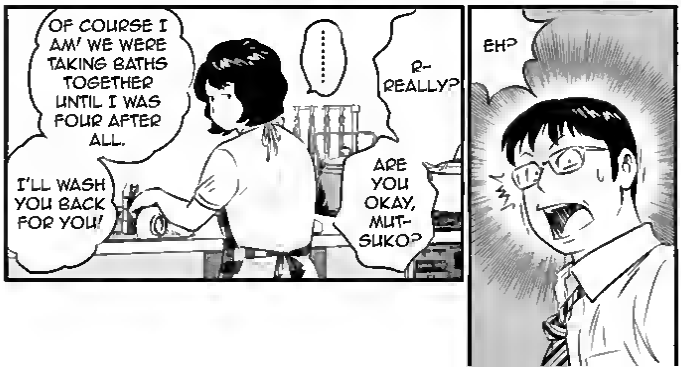

I'M FINE WITH IT ANYWAY
IF YOU WANT TO DO IT SO BADLY, GO ASK YOUR DAD DIRECTLY.
EH..

I'M HOME
WELCOME BACK, DADDY!

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD!
ARE YOU TIRED?
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A BATH?
OR EAT FOOD?
WHAT IS IT? WHAT HAPPENED TO MUTSUKO?
IT'S WEIRD...


DAD, IT'S BEEN A WHILE! LET'S TAKE A BATH TOGETHER THEN.
WELL, I'M GOING TO TAKE A BATH.
AH, OKAY.


OF COURSE I AM! WE WERE TAKING BATHS TOGETHER UNTIL I WAS FOUR AFTER ALL.
I'LL WASH YOU BACK FOR YOU!
R-REALLY?
ARE YOU OKAY, MUTSUKO?
EH?

HM?
BUUUT BEFORE THAT...
I HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOU, DADDY!
AND I'LL MAKE SURE BASEBALL DOESN'T AFFECT MY STUDIES.
OKAY.
DAMN, I WAS TRICKED!
THANKS, DAD!
AS FOR BASEBALL TOOLS, I'LL BORROW BROTHER'S OLD ONES.

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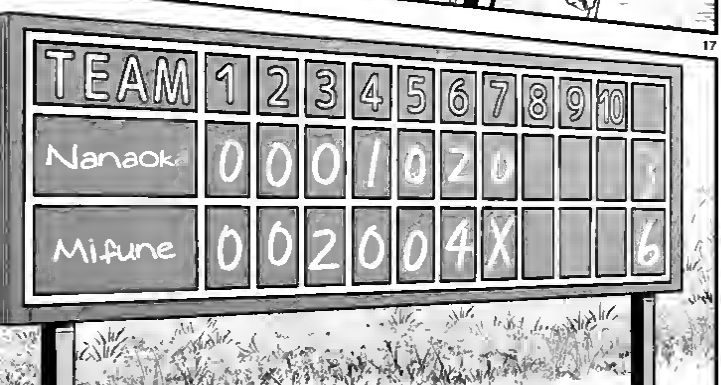
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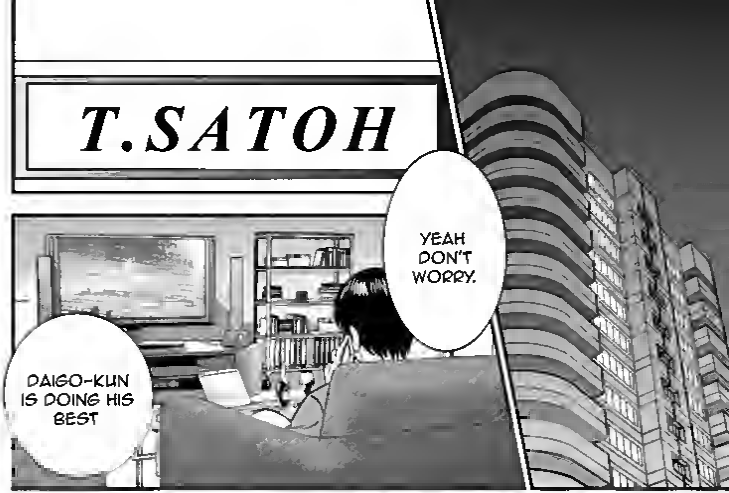
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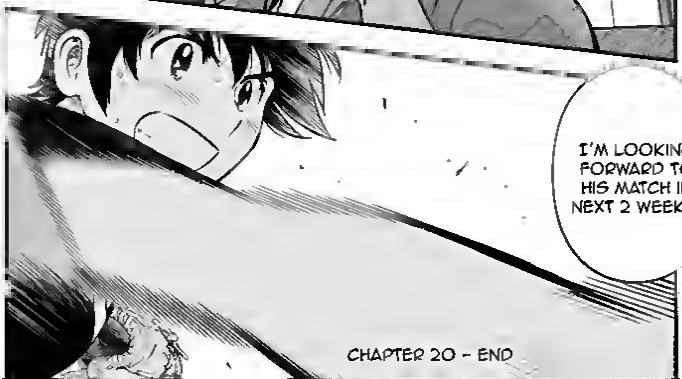
YEAH DON'T WORRY.
DAIGO-KUN IS DOING HIS BEST

JUST AS EXPECTED FROM YOUR SON!
HE'S A FAST LEARNER AND HIS GROWTH WILL MORE THAN OUR EXPECTATIONS


I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS MATCH IN NEXT 2 WEEKS.
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